

The Endowment Fund

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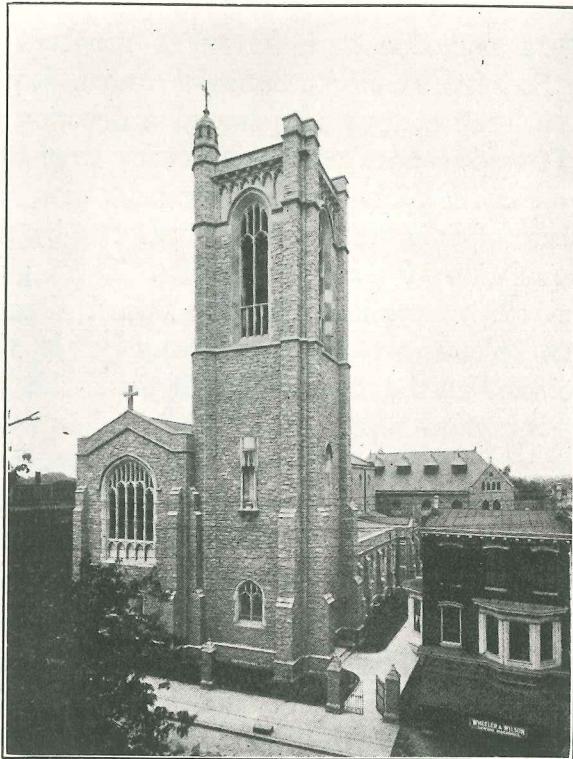
*For the Building of an Adequate Endowment
Fund by the Accumulation of Many Small Gifts.*

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*To The Members and Friends
of St. Mark's Church*

THE PREVIOUS GENERATION of members of St. Mark's built our beautiful church. It was a labor of love and showed a devotion to God that demanded expression. A few large gifts helped considerably, but, for the most part, the expense of building the church was met by the accumulation of many small gifts. These gifts often meant sacrifice. Sunday School departments, Woman's Guilds, the Young People, the Choir and all the organizations of the Parish, by constant effort, accomplished their full quotas. Bazaars and suppers and cake sales and entertainments followed one after another with endless repetition; and the loyal members supported them all enthusiastically. Their reward was a magnificent church building free from all debt.

It is the obligation of this generation to build an Endowment Fund, to assure the proper maintenance of the church property and the carrying on of the work of the church. This too must be accomplished by the accumulation of small gifts. They will be just as much memorials as the windows and stones and carvings that made possible the building of the church.



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The important thing is to have every member of St. Mark's Church know that the establishment of an Endowment Fund, as soon as possible, is imperative and that Endowment Funds of any amount, large or small, are welcome.

The Endowment Committee of the Vestry has provided an Endowment Fund Book. Any individual or any organization can reserve a page in that book to be dedicated as a Memorial for a father or mother, husband or wife, son or daughter, brother or sister, any loved one, or a whole family. It may be marked as a Memorial to any Church organization. The Memorial Fund may be started with any amount. Additions may be made at any time. A page may be reserved for any individual as his or her special contribution to the Endowment Fund. The page is never closed.

There will be no pledge cards or promises to pay any special amount. You simply send in a dollar or more with your name. We start the account by putting the name at the head of a page in the Endowment Book and entering the date and amount of the initial offering on the first line. Below that we will enter every gift that you make thereafter. Envelopes are provided for Endowment purposes and may be placed on the collection plates at any service.



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THE VESTRY HAS ORDERED:

1. Records of all gifts to the Endowment Fund to be kept in triplicate, one record to be kept in the Parish House by the Rector, and the Accounting Warden, another to be kept by the Treasurer of the Endowment Committee, and the third by the Chairman of the Endowment Committee.
2. The Endowment Fund shall at all times be kept separate from the Parish Funds.
3. Contributions to the Fund to be deposited in a Savings Fund of a local Bank until the aggregate amount thereof shall be sufficient for investment, and the Treasurer shall have no authority to withdraw any funds from this Saving Fund except to pay over to the Trustees of the Permanent Fund and then only upon counter-signature of the Accounting Warden.
4. The income from the Permanent Fund to be paid to the Accounting Warden or accumulated as the Vestry may direct.
5. An annual report of the Fund shall be made to the Vestry and Parish and oftener if the Vestry so requires.
6. The Endowment Committee shall consist of five members to be appointed yearly by the Rector, three of such members to be appointed



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from the Vestry and two from the Congregation, not of the Vestry. The Rector and the Accounting Warden to be ex-officio members of such Committee.

7. In addition to the triplicate records, there shall be a "Book of Thanksgiving and Memorials" in which shall be entered only the names of the donors, the names of person or persons and organization or purpose, for which the donation is made, but not the amount of the donation. The "Book of Thanksgiving and Memorials" shall be placed upon the altar of the Church on suitable occasions and the names of the donors of that year shall be read to the congregation once a year.

Surely, there can be no more fitting way to perpetuate the memory of some loved or respected one whose life may have meant so much to us. Every family connected with St. Mark's will probably want to begin a Memorial or Special Fund. A member of the Parish, accustomed to give a certain amount each year for the support of the Parish, may desire to build up an Endowment Fund, the interest on which will approximate his yearly giving even after he or she has passed beyond. He may build up this Fund while yet alive or he may bequeath any sum he desires to the Fund by will or he may do both. A page will be assigned to each in the order in which the

requests come. It will be an honor to be among the first to start this Cumulative Endowment Fund.

This is, of course, an additional obligation we are assuming. Our first duty must always be the meeting of our weekly pledges toward the running expenses of the Parish. We must maintain our beautiful services and we must assume our full share of the general Diocesan expenses.

The Committee welcomes any inquiries or questions regarding this plan of building an Endowment Fund for St. Mark's Parish.

With heart-felt appreciation of the sacrifices of all the builders of St. Mark's and with the hope that all of this generation will desire to be builders of this Endowment Fund.

Yours very sincerely,

THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Vestrymen

CHARLES N. STURTEVANT, M. D., *Chairman*
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WILLIAM EMBERY, *Accounting Warden*
EDMUND H. CARHART, *Rector*

FORM OF LEGACY

I give, devise and bequeath unto the Endowment Fund of St. Mark's Church, Frankford, the sum of dollars absolutely, as a memorial to
